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1. Artillery was used extensively by the Chinese Communists in the attack on Anshan(122-57, 41-08), which they captured on 19 February.
 2. Artillery was similar to that brought by Soviet troops when they entered Manchuria in 1945.
- 25X1A [REDACTED] Comment. Four types of Soviet artillery were identified by showing source a recognition manual:
- a. 45mm Anti-tank gun, M 1937
 - b. 122 mm Howitzer, M 1938
 - c. 122 mm Howitzer, M 1910/30
 - d. 152 mm Howitzer, M 1938)
3. The majority of personnel in the artillery unit were Japanese and Korean.
 4. The artillery pieces were not used for mass fire but were dispersed about the perimeter of the attack and fired as supporting weapons.
 5. Some of the caissons had Japanese Army-type signal equipment (telephones, wire, etc.) strapped to them.
 6. The artillery pieces were horse-drawn, averaging four to eight horses per gun.
 7. All the pieces were new and clean and were mounted on rubber-tired wheels. The tires all appeared new.
 8. The Chinese Communists had a plentiful supply of artillery ammunition when they entered Anshan although there was constant artillery shelling during the seven days preceding the fall of Anshan.
 9. Some of the troops were armed with Soviet-type "tommy guns" similar to those seen carried by Soviet troops in Mukden in 1945.
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- 25X1X [REDACTED] Subordinates who visited the commander were overheard referring to the Soviet weapons and ammunition which they were using. They referred to their unit as a "brigade". However, [REDACTED] it seems more likely that the unit was a battalion of four batteries, one heavy, two medium and one light.)

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10. The following damage was done to public and military facilities at Anshan:
 - a. Almost all important buildings and offices were damaged by artillery fire.
 - b. The airfield has been ditched by a trench dug through the runway every ten feet for the entire length of the field.
 - c. Telegraph facilities in Anshan and north and south of Anshan were only slightly damaged.
 - d. The highway south to Dairen (121-39,38-56) was only slightly damaged.
 - e. Warehousing was only slightly damaged; however, large amounts of military stores were removed.
11. No regular Communist troops remained in Anshan.
12. Anshan Garrison Headquarters, with an undetermined number of local Communist militia under its control is responsible for the military control of the city.

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